

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling scheduled pickup for Wednesday, March 24, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Cul-de-sac paving in Bayside Village begins

Paving of cul-de-sacs in Bayside Village began March 15, Ocean Court being the first. Five cul-de-sacs are scheduled each week thereafter until completion, weather permitting. All vehicles should be removed from the cul-de-sacs to allow this work to be completed according to schedule.

For more information, call Leroy Carter at 410-306-2402.

### Scavenger Hunt, Supermarket Sweep

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the APG Commissary, a Scavenger Hunt/Supermarket Sweep will be held 2 p.m., March 23. Five to 10 teams of four people can participate.

Competition is open to anyone 19 years or older with commissary privileges. Sign up at the Commissary.

Product demonstrations and giveaways will also be available.

For more information or to register a team, call Tammy Spickler, 410-278-3926.

### RAB meeting scheduled March 25

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., March 25, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topics will include updates on the J-Field and Canal Creek Study Areas and the Munitions Assessment and Processing System.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

### ATC to hold public meeting

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center will hold an information meeting for the public regarding training exercises that will take place at its Churchville Test Course. The meeting will take place 9 to 10 a.m., March 27, at the Churchville Test Course, 775 Priestford Road, Churchville.

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## APG Police Academy graduates 21

### DLES has father and son team

Story and photo by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

"They've put together a program here that's equal to, if not greater than, outside agencies," offered Aberdeen Proving Ground police officer Robert Comire after he and 20 other law enforcement officers were graduated from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Academy during a ceremony at Top of the Bay March 11.

Comire, the class spokesman, thanked family and friends for their support and guidance and offered a policeman's prayer in a show of solidarity with his fellow officers.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Robert W. Krauer, APG provost marshal, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security; and Ken Masoner, deputy provost marshal, led the ceremony. Maj. Joseph DiGregorio, catholic chaplain, offered the invocation and benediction.

"Almost eight years ago we made a commitment to a training

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Capt. Erick Stone, left, director of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Academy, collects gun clips from the members of Class 04-01 after their graduation ceremony at Top of the Bay March 11.

## USAF Detachment awards top service members

**Master Sgt. Vic DeLaRosa**  
361st Training Squadron

Detachment 1 of the 361st Training Squadron recognized its annual award winners for 2003 during an award luncheon at Top of the Bay March 10.

Recipients of the 2003 honors included Staff Sgt. Alicia P. Stigger, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; Tech. Sgt. James P. V. Ferrang, Support NCO of the Year; Master Sgt. Mark Gengenbach, Senior NCO of the Year; Staff Sgt. Dennis Skinner, Instructor of the Year; and William Fuentes, Civilian of the Year.

Detachment Commander Maj. Steven Pratt, led the ceremony. Pratt

praised the five winners for their outstanding efforts during 2003, noting that the detachment accomplished a great deal during that year.

"The winners we are recognizing today have left a long-lasting impression on the success the detachment has achieved," he said.

Detachment 1st Sgt., Master Sgt. Vic DeLaRosa, thanked several post and local area organizations for contributing presentations. Winners received gifts from AAFES, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Bank of America, the UNO Chicago Grill in Bel Air, Della Rose's Avenue Tavern and the Marriott Residence Inn in

Whitemarsh, the Aberdeen Wal-Mart and T. G. I. Friday's in Bel Air.

### 2003 USAF Detachment Service Members of the Year

**Staff Sgt. Alicia P. Stigger**  
NCO of the Year

Stigger serves as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the Command Support Staff. She has spent the last two of her 12 years in the Air Force at APG. Stigger holds an Associate of Applied Science degree from the Community College of the Air Force, a bachelor's degree in manage-

ment from National-Lewis University, and has completed 21 hours toward a master's degree in human resource management. She has been selected for a promotion to technical sergeant April 1.

Prior to coming to APG, the Dallas, Texas, native served at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.; Kunsan Air Base, South Korea; Bolling Air Force Base, Md.; and at the Pentagon.

**Tech. Sgt. James P. V. Ferrang**  
Support NCO of the Year

Ferrang serves as an instructor for the Vehicle Body Repair course, as

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## AER 2004 Annual Fund Campaign underway

**Marge Fissel**  
AER

Since AER is the Army's own organization, a separate campaign is conducted once a year March 1 through May 15. This is the only time Soldiers are asked to help their own organization and their fellow Soldiers.

Contributions remain important to allow AER to fulfill its mission of helping Soldiers in time of distress and misfortune. They assure continued availability of AER funds to meet increasing assistance needs for Soldiers.

Funds for emergency travel, rent, and car repairs are the top three reasons for financial assistance from AER.

Army Emergency Relief is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. It is the only organization dedicated

solely to helping Soldiers and their families in time of emergency financial need.

In 2003, the AER Office on Aberdeen Proving Ground disbursed \$216,333.77 in assistance to 179 active-duty Army personnel, 51 Army retirees, three surviving spouses, and seven active-duty service members from the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

Military contributions may be submitted as allotments, cash, or check.

Ninety-seven cents of every dollar contributed goes to help Soldiers. AER fund raising expenses cost only three cents.

For information on donating to AER, contact a unit representative, the AER Campaign Coordinator, Maj. Anissa McNeill at 410-278-2104/3000, or AER Officer at 410-278-2508.

## TSP affects loan changes

TSP Service Office

Effective July 1, the Thrift Savings Plan will make three changes to the TSP Loan Program.

- A \$50 fee will be deducted from the amount of each new loan.

- Borrower will no longer be able to have two general purpose loans at the same time. Instead, only one general purpose loan and one residential loan will be allowed.

- After paying off one loan, there will be a 60-day waiting period before a borrower can apply for another loan.

The changes are due to the significant increase in the number of loans. Some participants constantly have two outstanding loans, initiating another loan immediately after one is paid in full. This

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## Wrestling superstars bring battle to APG this Saturday

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Wrestling fans have only two more days to wait for some of the biggest names in wrestling to descend on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The ICW Superstars of Wrestling show is Saturday, March 20, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3300.

The show features former WCW stars Disco Inferno versus Norman Smiley; former WWE hardcore champion, Viscera versus former WWE Tag Team Champion, The Barbarian; a tag team match with The Executioners 1&2 versus Mike Lee and Joey Silvia, and a ladies match featuring Persephone and Special "K." In addition, an autograph/photograph session will be held at the Main Exchange that morning, 11 a.m. and in the AA Athletic Center, 6 to 7 p.m.

"This is the ICW's first visit to APG," said Morale Welfare and Recreation programmer, Earlene Allen. "We're excited about it and so are the fans."

She added that fans should not wait for the last minute to purchase tickets, as they will have to pay more at the door for less than desirable seating.

"The best seats are the first to go," she said.

Ticket prices in advance are \$20 ringside; \$12 floor seats; and \$10 bleacher seats. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets at the door are \$20, no ringside seats.

To purchase tickets, visit MWR Registration in building 3326; call 410-278-4907/4011; or buy tickets online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## New housing prototype opened for viewing



From left, Sgt. 1st Class Potter, his wife Gabrielle, and six of their nine children watch as from right, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Commander Col. Mardi U. Mark, Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, and Pat Hector, Housing Division, help cut the ribbon to the new five-bedroom prototype quarters in Bayside Village. The Directorate of Installation Operation's Buzz Soltis looks on from rear.

Story and photo by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The new five-bedroom prototype housing unit that was renovated to house a family of 11 was officially opened for viewing during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Bayside Village residence March 4.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Bert Scott, director, Installation Operations, led the ceremony, welcoming the assembled civilians, Soldiers and the unit's new inhabitants, Sgt. 1st Class Robert E. Potter, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, and his family.

"This is an attempt to bridge a gap," Scott said,

adding that by investing itself of two-bedroom units and supplying five- to six-bedroom units, which are far more in demand for growing Army families, the DIO hopes to provide a vision of the future.

"We are trying to improve the quality of life for Soldiers who live and recreate here," Scott said. "We hope you will agree this has been a good expenditure of funds."

"I've seen the house and it's really neat," Potter said before he, his wife Gabrielle and six of their children assisted Mark, Scott and Pat Hector, chief of Housing Division, in cutting the ribbon at the front door of their new home.

Potter arrived at APG from Bamberg, Germany in December while his family, which includes two sets of

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A Soldier from the 1/17th Infantry Battalion, Fort Wainwright, Ala., fires an M-4 machine gun with cross contact optic site attachment at pop-up targets on the M-Range on the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center during the encapsulation study conducted by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Feb. 26.



A Soldier climbs a wall barrier on the KD Range obstacle course.



Exiting a tunnel is no easy task for a Fort Wainwright Soldier in a fully encapsulated uniform.



Engaging a target while fully encapsulated, a 1/17th Infantry Battalion Soldier takes aim.

Photos by RON CARTY

# ARL tests mettle of Alaskan Soldiers

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Furthering its commitment to provide the best in survivability capabilities for America's warfighters, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory highlighted a two-week encapsulation study by placing combat Soldiers in simulated field environments with experimental equipment on the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center's KD Range, Feb. 26.

Soldiers from the 1/17th Infantry Battalion, Fort Wainwright Alaska, participated in the study which included an obstacle course, a road march and qualifying with weapons in three uniform configurations.

"The purpose is to research the effect of encapsulation (study the effects of how the three configurations affect performance) and analyze the data for use in guiding future combat warrior systems, said Master Sgt. Lamar Garrett, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical specialist and research noncommissioned officer for ARL's Human Resources Engineering Directorate.

He said that the time frame offered ideal conditions for the Soldiers who had to spend much of their time in heavy gear and NBC suits.

Encapsulation is the enclosure of the entire body to protect the Soldier from a hazardous environment, he said, adding that this involves covering all exposed skin and using the protective mask to survive in a hazardous environment.

"We look at their performance in relation to how well they can

perform common tasks in war time or in training," Garrett said.

"It's the perfect time to do this kind of research because we're not equipped for cooling devices in the summer," he added.

On the ARL Mobility Portability Course, Soldiers went through a series of testing that was monitored and controlled by HREC personnel including two control center operators, Patty Burcham and Meagan Bursfam, who tracked the participants' progress.

"From here we can tell exactly where each Soldier is over the course of their activities, whether they are on a road march or on the obstacle course," Burcham said.

Each Soldier performed every phase of testing three times, wearing one of the three uniform configurations each time. The configurations consisted of level one, wear of the BDU uniform while carrying the protective mask and weapon; level two, wear of the BDU uniform and protective mask while carrying the weapon; and level three, wear of the complete encapsulation uniform while carrying the weapon.

On the lengthy obstacle course, more than a football field in length, the Soldiers were told to complete the course as quickly as they could. The obstacles included navigational challenges, tunnels, over-and-under barriers, and simulated buildings and windows, testing house-to-house search techniques much like the challenges facing troops in Iraq.

Nathan Jarboe, ARL mechanical engineer, monitored the Individual Movement Techniques cross country course that included a grenade throwing station.

He said the evaluators always observe safety procedures.

"Although we are here to compare the different uniform configuration, safety comes first," Jarboe said.

Dr. Jack Goymovicki, ARL engineer, added that the testing would aid researchers in determining how well Soldiers can perform in various terrain and situations.

"The value is determining the portability of the various ensembles," Goymovicki said.

At the completion of each test phase, participants are given a battery of tests to evaluate their understanding and reasoning, added Dr. Madeline Swann, ARL physical scientist.

During the logical reasoning testing, Soldiers are given a series of true or false statements and must select the correct answer within one minute. Each Soldier is evaluated based on how each question is answered while wearing each of the three configurations.

"You can see the difference in the answers depending on the configurations. They definitely have an impact," Swann said.

Spc. James Jarrard, a member of the 1/17th Infantry Battalion agreed.

"I didn't know what to expect," Jarrard said. "Some of this equipment is totally new to me."

He added that the cognitive testing showed him how the mind can "degrade over physical exertion and stress."

"Understanding that makes me a better Soldier," he said. "It's exciting. I can take this back with me and learn from it."

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## HST HOLDS BLOOD DRIVE



Senior Airman Andrew Antonetti, lab technician, takes a blood sample from Headquarters Support Troop Commander Maj. Anissa McNeill during the Armed Services Blood Drive March 12.

Photo by MARGUERITE TOWSON



Peggy Horne, Community Health Nurse, right, shines a light over the hands of Germ Buster's Diego Robinson, 4, left, and Israel Choice, 3, to see if they have "germs."



Family Child Care Providers Marie Shepard, left, and Jennifer Blair help Justin Neil, son of U.S. Postal employee at APG, George Neil; Caleb Blair, 3, and Emily Armstrong, 15 months, make snow globes at Aberdeen Youth Services Snack Bar area during Family Child Care Gym Day Feb. 26.

## Getting the wiggles out FCC holds Gym Day every Thursday

Story and photos by  
**Beverly Hartgrove**  
FCC

Every Thursday child care providers, parents and children go to the Aberdeen Youth Services Gym to "get the wiggles out."

"Gym Day is the perfect outlet for all that pent up energy of young children," said Marie Shepard, Family Child Care provider.

"The gym is huge, and children can run and run. There is a small basketball goal, balls, blocks, toys and a mat for tumbling. Infants also can use the mat for floor play with soft toys.

"William, my 3-year old, comes into the house every Thursday and reminds me it is Gym Day. He loves it," Shepard said.

The special activity on Feb. 26 was Germ Busters presented by Peggy Horne, Child and Youth Services community health nurse. Horne talked to the children about the importance of hand washing to remove germs, and everyone pretended to wash their hands.

To demonstrate, Horne had children put their hands in a bag of germs (fluorescent material) to touch the "germs." A black light was then shone on children's hands, so that they could see where the germs were.

All children who participated received sunglasses and stickers for being good 'Germ Busters.'

"The concept of germs is hard for children to grasp, but this visual method of learning made it easier for young children to understand [the importance of hand washing]," said Nora Gutierrez, FCC provider.

"As parents, there are some ways you can help prevent the spread of disease," Horne said. "Do not send your children to day care with a fever, diarrhea, vomiting, or an unknown rash. If your child has been ill, Army Regulation 608-10 states they must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to care. Remember, hand washing is the best defense in preventing the spread of communicable disease."

Shepard also helped children make snow globes in the Snack Bar area of Youth Services, where they enjoyed shaking glitter and pouring water.

On any given Thursday, the gym is filled with children dancing, and singing to special children's music.

For more information about Gym Day at APG, call 410-278-9832.

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**Friday, March 19, 7 p.m.**  
 Starring: Kate Bosworth, Topher Grace

Rosie heads to Hollywood where she wins a dream date with Tinseltown's hottest eligible bachelor, Tad Hamilton. When Tad meets Rosie and gets a taste of what he's missing in the "real world," he decides he wants seconds and moves to West Virginia, making Rosie's dream come true.

PG-13 (sexual content, some drug references and language)



### BARBERSHOP 2: BACK IN BUSINESS

**Saturday, March 20, 7 p.m.**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Starring: Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer

On the south side of Chicago, Calvin is again struggling to keep his father's shop and traditions alive. Urban developers are looking to replace 'mom & pop' establishments with name brand chains.

The world changes, but some things never go out of style—from current events and politics to relationships and love—you can still say anything you want at the barbershop.

PG-13 (language, sexual material and brief drug references)



### YOU GOT SERVED

**Saturday, March 20, 9 p.m.**  
 Starring: Omari Grandberry, Marques Houston

Hip-hop dancers, David and Elgin, are the best dancing duo in town. But their reputations and friendship end up on the line when they face serious competition and are challenged in the biggest competition of the year.

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### THURSDAY MARCH 18 FREE HOME BUYING SEMINAR

This seminar will be offered 6 to 7:30 p.m. by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union at the Community Meeting Room at APGFCU Operations Center, 1321 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood. Learn about the home buying process to make an informed decision on the best options in purchasing and financing a new home. To reserve a space, call 410-272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555, ext. 5451.

### FRIDAY MARCH 19 SHOW, FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT

The Edgewood Elementary School department and the PTA will hold a student art show and family activity night 6 to 8 p.m. at Edgewood Elementary School, 2100 Cedar Drive. Admission is free. Attendees should dress for fun as the family craft activity may be a little messy. For more information, call 410-671-6811.

### COMMANDER'S STEAK NIGHT

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, will hold Commander's Steak Night, 4 p.m. Meal includes choice of steak, cabbage, collards, baked potato, corn, tossed

salad and dessert, for \$12. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

### SATURDAY MARCH 20 CHILDREN'S DAY

The Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, 100 Lafayette Street, will hold Children's Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities will include storytelling, Magician Mervyn J. Mugwump, Pam the Kindersinger with "Rascal," face painting, kites, model boats, puppets, demonstrations, tours of the museum, boat school, and more.

Cost of admission is \$2 for children of all ages. For more information, call 410-939-4800, or e-mail [museum@comcast.net](mailto:museum@comcast.net).

### 4TH ANNUAL GRASSES TO THE MASSES WORKSHOP

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring the 4th Annual Grasses to the Masses Workshop 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for ages 16 to adult, or ages 6 to 15 with an adult. Learn about submerged aquatic vegetation and its role in the Bay ecosystem and then join in this restoration project.

Participants will be given SAV to grow at home, and return on June 26 with grasses in hand to plant in the Otter Point Creek Area.

All equipment and training is provided, so no prior experience is necessary.

Reservations are required and space is limited. For more information, directions, or to make a reservation, call the Estuary Center at 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 extension 1688.

### WOMAN'S DAY PLAY

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, is hosting a dinner play titled "Blessed and Highly Favored" at 7 p.m. The program will benefit the church's Annual Woman's Day program, March 28.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

To view more about the following community events and other upcoming events, visit APG News Online at [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 25:

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 28

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## POST SHORTS

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Training will begin in early April and may continue infrequently thereafter. Training will take place on the north side of the course and may include day and night operations and small arms fire using blank ammunition.

For more information, call 410-278-1147 or 410-278-1153.

### Edgewood Area Shoppette changes hours

The Edgewood Area Shoppette, building 2514, has changed its operating hours to Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### APG gears up for AER Campaign

The 2004 Army Emergency Relief campaign is scheduled to run through May 15.

The 2004 AER Campaign coordinator is Maj. Anissa M. McNeill and the assistant campaign coordinator is Sgt. 1st Class Lisa R. Flecha. They can be reached at 410-278-2104.

### Hydrant flushing begins in March

Fire hydrant flushing in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground is scheduled to start during March and will continue for several weeks.

The City of Aberdeen, owners of the Aberdeen Area water distribution utility system, will perform the fire hydrant flushing between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight. Signs will be posted at the Family Housing Areas while flushing is being performed.

The Directorate of Installation Operations will flush the fire hydrants in the Edgewood Area of APG between 3 and 7 a.m.

Should resident's water become discolored during the

flushing, turn on all inside water faucets and run the water until it clears up.

For more information, call Hank Selke, City of Aberdeen, 410-272-1449, Linda Kimmel, Aberdeen Area, 410-278-0400, or Ron Gentry, Edgewood Area, 410-436-2196.

### Road closure scheduled for Otto Road

As part of the ongoing construction of the Advance Chemistry Laboratory in the Edgewood Area, the Poole and Kent Company, a contractor for the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, will be installing power and communication duct banks across Otto Road.

The work is currently scheduled to occur on the weekend of April 3 and 4.

During this period, Otto Road will be closed between Ricketts Point Road and the southern entrance of building E-4301. Access to E-4301 will not be affected, but the E-3510 temporary parking lot on the south side of Otto Road will be closed during this period.

In advance of the actual road closures, there may be lane closures with flagmen for preparatory work such as saw cutting.

These dates and durations are subject to weather and environmental factors and may slip in both date and duration.

Motorists are requested to use caution and to obey all traffic controls and detours.

For more information, call Jerry Norris, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1159.

### NAF awards ceremony scheduled

The 9th annual Nonappropriated Fund Employee of the Year Awards ceremony will be held at 2 p.m., April 13 at Top of the Bay.

The four categories to be recognized include administrative, trades and crafts, paraprofessional and supervisory. All Aberdeen Proving Ground personnel are invited to attend.

For additional information, call Jean Futty, 410-278-8993 or Polly Scott, 410-278-8976.

### ARL to host Days of Remembrance

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory will sponsor the annual National Commemoration of the Days of Remembrance, themed "For Justice and Humanity," 10 a.m., April 21, at the Post Theater.

Guest speaker will be Felix Kestenberg, a Holocaust survivor.

For more information, call the APG EO Advisor at 410-278-1534.

### Volunteer of the Year nominations

The annual Volunteer of the Year ceremony will be held on 7 p.m., Thursday, April 29, at Top of the Bay. The Volunteer of the Year ceremony recognizes exemplary achievement in volunteer service at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

All nominations are for volunteer service on or for APG only.

Organizations and units may submit only two nominations in each of the following five categories: Military (active duty, reserve, national guard), Family Member (19 years of age or older), Retiree (military or civilian), Civilian (APG civilian employees only), and Youth (18 years of age or younger).

Service must have been performed any time from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2003.

Nominations and proposed citations must be received at the Army Community Service Volunteer Services Office, building 2754, room 203; faxed to 410-306-2293; or e-mailed by March 25 to marilyn.howard@usag.apg.army.mil.

For more information on the nomination process, call Marilyn Howard, ACS volunteer coordinator at 410-278-9669.

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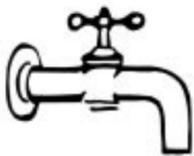
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### Fact of the week



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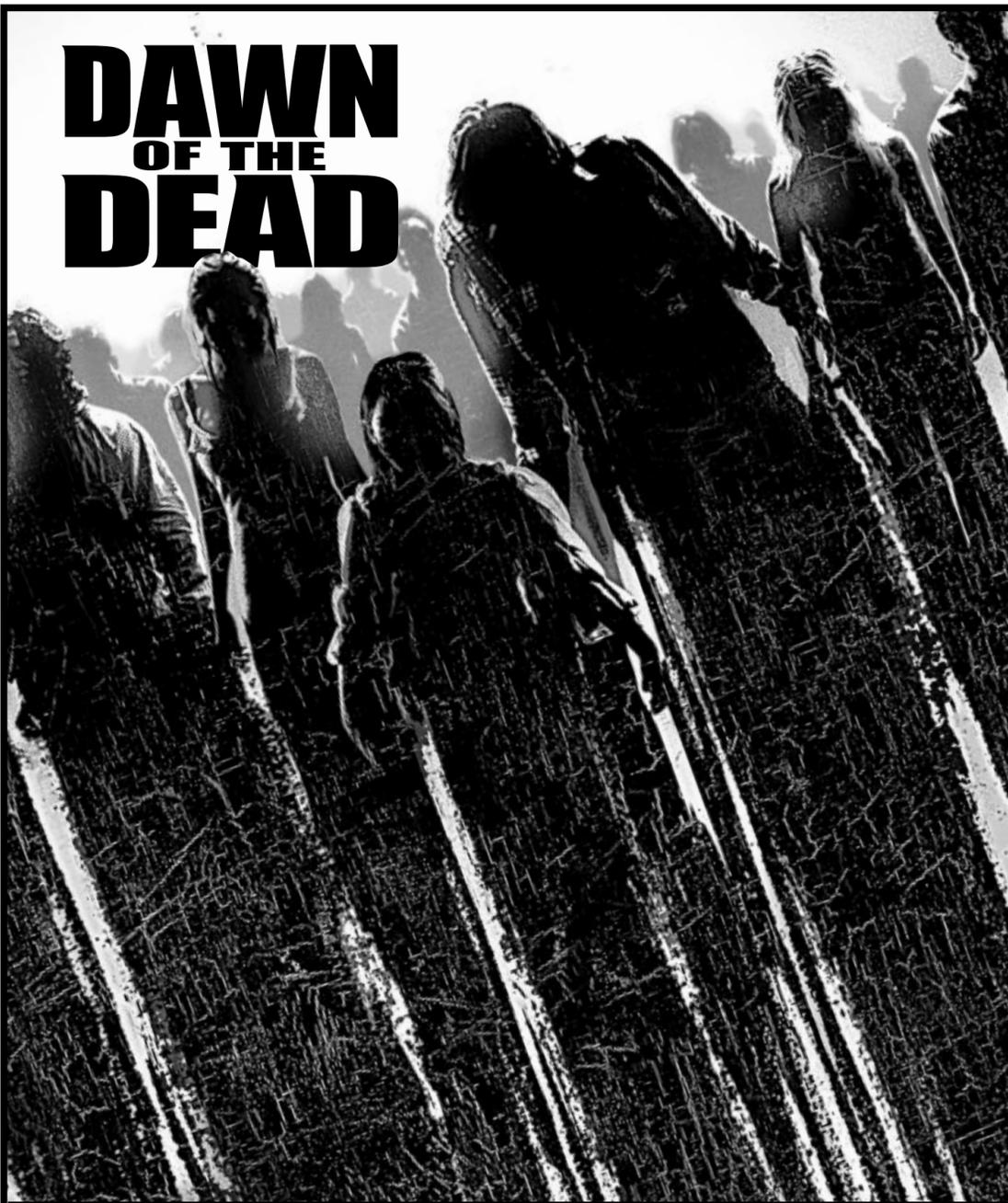
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# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## Activities

MWR has a very exciting and entertaining year planned for APG. Some things to look for include the ICW

Wrestling event on March 20, Miller Lite Army Concert Tour presenting Montgomery Gentry on July 17, and lots more.

To learn more, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com> for the latest information.

### Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting the MWR Registration, building 3326, or online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### MWR hosts 'SUPER-STARS OF WRESTLING'

ICW presents Superstars of Wrestling, 7 p.m., March 20, at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300.

Events include Shawn Alexander vs. Todd Johnson; George South Jr. vs. Jason King; a Tag Team Match, The Executioners 1&2 vs. Mike Lee and Joey Sylvia; a Ladies Match with Persephone vs. Special "K"; former WWE Hardcore Champion Viscera vs. former WCW Tag Team Champion The Barbarian; and the main event, former WCW Television Champion Disco Inferno vs. former WCW Hardcore Champion Norman Smiley. Card is subject to change.

Tickets cost \$10 for bleachers, \$12 for floor seats and \$20 for ringside seats; free admission for children 5 and under.

An autograph/photograph session will be held 11 a.m. in the Main Exchange and 6 to 7 p.m. in the APG Athletic Center.

Tickets are available at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907 or 410-278-4011 or order online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### Williamsburg Pottery Trip

Visit this famous original "Pottery Factory" on April 17 in Williamsburg, Pa. Spend the day bargain shopping for decorative items, housewares, baskets, linens, plants, silk flowers, furniture, prints and more choosing from more than 200 acres and 50 outlets. Cost is \$49. Register by March 19. Bus will depart 7:15 a.m. and return at approximately 9 p.m. at Vitali's Restaurant on Route 24 in Edgewood.

### Tour Niagara Falls

This tour to Canada, April 26 through 30, includes four nights lodging in Niagara Falls, four breakfasts, four dinners, all-day tour of Niagara including Niagara-on-the-Lake, tour Toronto and local wineries, visits to Welland Canal and the beautiful Floral Clock. Tall taxes, gratuities, luggage handling, and motor-coach transportation is included. Register by March 26. Cost is \$405 for doubles and \$504 for singles. Bus will depart 7:15 a.m. on April 26 and return 10 p.m. on April 30 from Vitali's Restaurant on Route 24 in Edgewood.

### APG pool singles championship

This eight-ball double elimination singles tournament will be held on 7 to 11 p.m., April 2, at the AA Recreation Center. Official eight-ball rules will apply. Cash prizes, based on the total number of entries, will be presented immediately following the tournament. Register by March 30. Cost is \$10.

### Bowling specials

A King of the Hill Tournament will be held 1 p.m., March 27. Cost is \$8 per person. Play four games with step ladder finals. Cash prizes will be awarded.

For more information contact Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail [dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil).

Don't forget that we are doing the bowling for bucks May 15 - June 15.

### March Madness Racquetball, Handball Tournament

This tournament will be held 7 p.m., March 26 through 28, at the APG Athletic Center. This will be a single-elimination divisional tournament. Participants must register by level of ability.

All participants will receive an official March Madness Tournament T-shirt.

Trophies will be given for first and second place finishers

in each division.

### Softball Instructional Clinic

This class will be held 5 to 7 p.m., March 24 through 31, on Shine Sports Field. The class includes basic instruction on batting, throwing, fielding and team strategies on offensive and defensive maneuvers used during a game. Register by March 19. Cost is \$25.

### Outdoor Expo, April 20

Outdoor Recreation is hosting an expo 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 20 in front of the APG Bowling Center, building 2342. Some of the items on display will include canoes, pop-up campers, boats, Super grills, canopies, and more. There will be give-aways all day.

For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or e-mail [outdoorrecreation@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:outdoorrecreation@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Camping Certification plus

Get "camping certified" by the professionals 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., March 27, at the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area.

Find out how to choose, set up, maintain, and secure a campsite. Learn how to weather, terrain, plants, environment, and animals affect and relate to camping safety and guidelines.

In addition there will be information presented on the wildlife and habitats of APG, and the past and present history of the installation. Register by March 19. Cost is \$10.

### New York City Patriot's tour

Ride a deluxe motorcoach on March 27 to get a great patriot guided tour. View Ground Zero, Battery Park, China Town, the Financial district, the Village areas, the United Nations, the Empire State Building, the Theater District, Times Square, 5th Avenue, Rockefeller Plaza, Central Park and more. There will be deals on purchasing fruits, vegetables, baked goods, meats, seafood, sweets, crafts, books, flowers, jewelry,

clothing, coins and more.

Bus will pick up at Vitali's Restaurant on Route 24 in Edgewood at 7:45 a.m. and drop off at 10 p.m. Cost is \$70. Register by March 12.

### Aqueduct Flea Market trip

The Community Recreation Division will sponsor a trip to the Aqueduct Flea Market, Brooklyn, New York, April 10.

Cost is \$36 and includes admission to the market. Bus will depart 7 a.m. and return 7:30 p.m. Everything from clothing to electronics, antique furniture and home decor, toys to groceries - and more with over 1,000 vendors. Wear comfortable shoes and prepare to shop till you drop, then visit famous Jamaica Avenue for even more bargains. Register by March 19.

### Advanced Dog Obedience

Advanced Dog Obedience classes will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursdays, April 8 through May 13, in the Russell Gymnasium, building 3330.

Cost is \$60.

Instructional classes will help improve the dog's behaviors and willingness to cooperate. Learn proven methods of controlling the dog in the home and outside environment. Learn how to practice and develop advanced skills at home while training the dog to respond to them. Register by April 1.

### Exton Golf Course opening news

Exton Golf Course 1 reopened March 17. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to dusk, Wednesday thru Saturday.

Starting April 1, the golf course will be open 7 a.m. to dusk, Monday thru Sunday.

Kick off the golf season on April 3 at Exton Golf Course with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. This is a four-person captain's choice scramble. Entry fee includes golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Register by April 1. Cost is \$10 for annual members and 'Value' card holders, and \$15 for all others.

## SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

### DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Military parents, and students in grades 6 to 9, this is the last call to participate in the Bernard Curtis Brown II Space Camp Scholarship Essay Competition. Deadline to have the application sent in is May 17.

Anyone interested may pick up an application at the School Liaison Office, building 2752, Room 200; a youth center; or visit the Military Child Education Coalition Web site at [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org).

A completed application and an essay about "Why I Should Be Selected To Attend Space Camp" can be mailed or faxed to: Military Child Education Coalition, 108 East FM 2410, Suite D, Harker Heights, Texas 76548, or faxed to 254-953-1925.

### READING PROGRAM

An after-school reading program will be starting at

the Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth center's homework labs for elementary and middle school students.

Students participating in the program will be required to read a prescribed number of minutes each week according to their grade in school. Reading logs will be available to track minutes read for each student. Medallions will awarded at the end of the reading program that will conclude in June.

For more information, see a homework lab specialist or call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

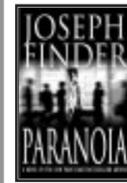
### MILITARY STUDENT WEB SITE

Whether you are a military child, parent, leader or educator, [www.militarystudent.org](http://www.militarystudent.org) contains an abundance of information, tools and resources to help meet the unique needs of the military child.

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

**Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Edgewood Area Library is open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 410-436-3589.**

The following new books are available at the APG MWR libraries:



**Paranoia** by Joseph Finder

Adam Cassidy cracks the corporate accounts to give a nice old guy who works on the loading dock a retirement party to equal a board-of-directors bash. Threatened with embezzlement charges, he becomes a spy at the company's biggest competitor.



**The Last Goodbye** by Reed Arvin

**Reflections** by Jo Bannister

**A Very Private Gentleman** by Martin Booth

**Crofton's Fire** by Keith Coplin

**Lowcountry Boil** by Carl Smith

The library's Web site:

[www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html) provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

## Bowling scores week of March 6

### Tuesday Intramural

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Donald Moore, 246  
Mike Shepard, 233  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Dale Allen, 305  
Mike Shepard, 300  
**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Donald Moore, 651  
Brandon Dusick, 630  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Mike Shepard, 783  
Guillermo Perez, 714  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Nicole Washington, 159  
Tanika Potts, 158  
**Women's High Game Handicap**  
Nicole Washington, 232  
Tanika Potts, 222  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Nicole Washington, 426  
Tanika Potts, 380  
**Women's High Series Handicap**  
Jennifer O'Keefe, 639  
Nicole Washington, 626

### Wednesday Lunch Doubles

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Dan Snoha, 199  
Steve Cornelison, 192  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Henry Schwartzman, 272  
Joe South, 270  
**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Dan Snoha, 387  
Steve Cornelison, 374  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Henry Schwartzman, 499  
Dan Snoha, 478  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Jeanine Worthington, 192

Kathy Krout, 159  
**Women's High Game Handicap**  
Shelley Sanders, 265  
Betty Taylor/Kathy Krout, 264  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Dale Allen, 305  
Jeanine Worthington, 381  
Kathy Krout, 367  
**Women's High Series Handicap**  
Shelley Sanders, 479  
Jeanine Worthington, 471

### Wednesday Mixed

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Stuart Thacker, 246  
Darryl Stewart, 229  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Bill Green, 258  
Stuart Thacker/Darryl Stewart, 257  
**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Stuart Thacker, 595  
Darryl Stewart, 562  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Jacque Brown, 654  
Darryl Stewart, 646  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Anita Harris, 197  
Marian Nelson, 184  
**Women's High Game Handicap**  
Anita Harris, 233  
Michele Betro, 223  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Barbara Winters, 505  
Anita Harris, 487  
**Women's High Series Handicap**  
Michele Betro, 622  
Barbara Winters, 619

### Thursday Lunch Doubles

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Barry Hudler, 246

Tom Puckett, 199  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Ken Paxton, 284  
Barry Hudler, 277  
**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Barry Hudler, 428  
Tom Puckett, 366  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Barry Hudler, 490  
Ken Paxton, 481  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Ruthann Cunningham, 173  
Debbie Burkins, 166  
**Women's High Game Handicap**  
Debbie Burkins/Ruthann Cunningham, 254  
Gina Bukowski, 240  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Sandy Bowers, 323  
Ronda Taylor, 305  
**Women's High Series Handicap**  
Debbie Burkins, 493  
Sandy Bowers, 444

### Thursday National Guard

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Bernard Hammond, 247/236  
Virgil Mills, 236/224  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Bernard Hammond, 261  
Virgil Mills, 260  
**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Bernard Hammond, 676  
Virgil Mills, 618  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Carl Weideman, 720  
Bernard Hammond, 718  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Mary Jo Smith, 185  
Sally Leonetti, 182  
**Women's High Game Handicap**

Sandra Wynn, 264  
Sandy W-John, 245  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Luz Montanez, 461  
Sally Leonetti, 455  
**Women's High Series Handicap**  
Sandra Wynn, 696  
Dagmar Johnson, 642

### Friday Fun Bunch

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Virgil Mills, 288  
Stacey Martin, 230  
**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Virgil Mills, 298  
Johnny Jones, 264  
**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Virgil Mills, 752  
Stacey Martin, 632  
**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Virgil Mills, 782  
John Lewis, 691  
**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Venus Drebing, 204  
Luz Montanez, 177  
**Women's High Game Handicap**  
Latasha Taylor, 271  
Luz Montanez, 260  
**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Venus Drebing, 494  
Ellen Hopkins, 466  
**Women's High Series Handicap**  
LaTasha Taylor, 742  
Venus Drebing, 706

See complete bowling scores at APG News Online <http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil>

## ImageMakers National Photography Contest

Aberdeen Youth Services will participate in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America ImageMakers National Photography Contest. The four age groups eligible to enter include 9 or younger, 10 to 12, 13 to 15 and 16 to 18.

Categories include color, black and white, digital, alternative and photo essay "My World." Photos must have been completed within the last year.

Participation is free and entrants must have an active CYS membership to enter the contest. To become a mem-

ber, the cost is \$15 per child annually. A scholarship competition is available for teens 16 to 18 years of age.

The deadline to submit photos for the contest is April 10.

For more information about ImageMakers and Aberdeen Youth Services' Photography Program, call Pam Jones at 410-278-4995 or visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) and click on Youth Services.

For registration in the CYS, call CYS Central Registration at 410-278-7571/7479.

## Join the boat club

The Spesutie Island Boating Activity is located in the Aberdeen Area of APG, building 36. Mooring spaces cost \$11 per foot, parking lot space costs \$8 foot, and Ramp only membership costs \$7.50 per foot per boating season, March until November 2004.

Amenities include an easy access ramp and a clubhouse with screened porch with a kitchen, two bathrooms and a meeting/party room. There is also a picnic area for family and social gatherings.

### Membership requirements:

Member must be the boat owner and must complete eight hours of work and stand

three security watches, 7 to 10 p.m. There is no fee to be a member; all fees are associated with the storage and services.

Membership is open to active duty military, retired military, Army National Guard, DOD civilians, retired DOD civilians, and contractors with APG ID cards. Proof of insurance is also a requirement.

Applications can be picked up at the clubhouse building 36 and at the Outdoor Recreation Office. For information or questions call Wayne Doyle, 410-278-4124 or the Outdoor Recreation Office, 410-278-4124.



Photo by MASTER SGT DAVID O'DELL

Air Force Detachment 2003 Annual Award winners, from left Master Sgt. Mark Gengenbach, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; Staff Sgt. Dennis Skinner, Instructor of the Year; William Fuentes, Civilian of the Year; Tech. Sgt. James Ferrang, Support NCO of the Year and Staff Sergeant Alicia Stigger, NCO of the Year.

## Awards

From front page

well as resource advisor and facility manager for the detachment. He has earned an Associate of Applied Science degree from the Community College of the Air Force.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., he entered the Air Force in 1984 and served at Andrews AFB, Md.; Osan Air Base, South Korea; MacDill AFB, Fla.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Hill AFB, Utah, before arriving at APG in

2000.

Ferrang is married and has two children. He will leave the detachment in June 2004 to return to Hill AFB.

### Staff Sgt. Dennis Skinner Instructor of the Year

Skinner serves as an instructor for the Aircraft Metals Technology Basic Course, as well as detachment historian.

A native of Brownsville, Pa., he has served in the Air Force for six years, with assignments at Fairchild AFB, Wash.,

and at APG, where he arrived in 2000.

Skinner has an Associate of Applied Science degree in Metals Technology from the Community College of the Air Force, and a bachelor's degree in industrial technology from Southern Illinois University.

### Master Sgt. Mark Gengenbach Senior NCO of the Year

Gengenbach serves as the Aircraft Metals Technology Career Development Course writer, and has been instrumental in many

aspects of the detachment and in technical training. He has also served as a metals technology instructor.

Gengenbach is a native of Cooperstown, N.Y., and graduated from Cooperstown Central High School. He entered the Air Force in 1984, and was stationed at Loring AFB, Maine, and Anderson AFB, Guam, before arriving at APG in 1999. He is married and has three children.

### William Fuentes Civilian of the Year

Fuentes serves as an instructor for the Aircraft Metals

Technology course and the Computer Numerical Control course. He has made many long-lasting improvements to both courses.

A native of Phoenix, Ariz., Fuentes graduated from Trevor Browne High School in 1977 and earned an Associate of Science in Technology degree from Regents College, N.Y.

Fuentes retired from the Army as a sergeant first class after assignments in Germany, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, and numerous U.S. locations. Fuentes is married and has one child.

## Graduation

From front page

program that grew and expanded to the only certified academy in the Department of Defense," Krauer said.

He cautioned the graduates that integrity and professionalism go hand in hand.

"Do the right thing each and every day," he said. "Do what you do and come home safely each and every day."

Mark said that graduates of the caliber assembled, meant that Krauer and Stone [Capt. Erick Stone, Police Academy director] have "done a tremendous job."

"This means that we have become self sufficient and our Soldiers are free to respond to world situations," Mark said.

The graduates included officers from Fort George Meade, Fort Detrick and Picatinny Army Depot, N.J.

Officer Jason Noble, one of three from Fort Meade, was the classes' honor graduate.

Noble said he and fellow officers Darren Love and Malcolm McCown, all former military police officers, appreciated the academy's professionalism.

"All instruction and training were excellent," Noble said. "I would recommend it to any agency for all training and instruction."

Fellow officer Darlean Wiggs, the sole female, said she considered the course "fun."

"It wasn't too bad. Like a refresher course," Wiggs said as her mother Lula Fletcher congratulated her after the ceremony.

Formerly with the Baltimore City Sheriff Department, Wiggs said she came to APG looking for "something new and different."

"I look forward to serving here," she said.

### Class 04-01 distinguished graduates

Jason Noble, honor graduate, Fort Meade

Robert Comire, leadership award  
Sayun Bulle, leadership award  
Robert Shapiro, leadership award  
Ronald Krulock, leadership award  
Jason Noble, physical fitness award

### Class 04-01 graduates

Camera Alexander, APG  
Ronald Banghart, Picatinny Army Depot  
Sayun Bulle, Fort Detrick  
Robert Comire, APG  
Kevin Gladhill, Fort Detrick  
Gilpin, Jeffrey, APG  
Paul Koeck, Picatinny  
Ronald Krulock, APG

Michael Lample, APG  
Damion Littles, APG  
Darren Love, Fort Meade  
Malcolm McCown, Fort Meade  
Gregory Mullen, APG  
Jason Noble, Fort Meade  
Young Oh, APG  
Mark Ross, Picatinny  
Robert Shapiro, APG  
Thompson, Billy, APG  
Michael White, APG  
Darlean Wiggs, APG  
Brandon Witt, APG

### Policeman's Prayer

*When I start my tour of duty God  
Wherever crime may be  
As I walk the darkened streets alone  
Let me be close to thee.  
Please give me understanding with  
both the young and old  
Let me listen with attention until  
their story's told  
Let me never make a judgment in a  
rash or callous way  
But let me hold my patience  
Let each man have his say  
Lord if some dark and dreary night  
I must give my life  
Lord, with your everlasting love  
Protect my children and my wife.*



Capt. Erick Stone, right, director of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Academy, congratulates Ronald Krulock, center, for graduating from the academy with class 04-01 as Krulock's son, APG police officer Grant Krulock, left, looks on.

## Father and son team

For graduate Ronald Krulock, the day was made more special as his son, APG police officer Grant Krulock was on hand to witness his father's graduation.

A retired Army master sergeant and former Baltimore City police officer, Krulock served with the Edgewood Area security force for a year before signing on with the academy. He will be assigned to the Edgewood Area while his son is a patrol officer with the Aberdeen Area's 4th squad.

Krulock said the two came to DLES at the same time.

"He decided to come in as a police officer and me in security," Krulock said adding he has a younger son who is about to try out for the Maryland State Police.

"Training has changed a lot from the time I was in Baltimore to now," he said.

"This program was very challenging and very well taught. Of course, 21 years in the military didn't hurt."

# The APG Forum

## Who and what are saints?



Chap. (Maj.) Joseph L. Di Gregorio  
USAGAPG

I am often asked, "What are saints? And, "Where do they come from?" I'll try to answer these questions and list some of the more popular saints commonly referred to as 'patron saints.'

To begin with, saints are men and women just like you and I. However, because of the extraordinary Christian way in which they lived their lives, they are honored and held up as an example for us to follow.

I want to make it as clear as possible that we do not worship saints

or in any way deify them. To do so would be idolatry. This even extends to Mary, the mother of Jesus. She is honored as one who accepted God's plan for her and cooperated with that plan in bringing Christ into the world.

When I say we honor the saints, no one should take exception to this.

We in the military have a rich tradition of doing just that, honoring people. We honor men and women who lived the Army code of values as examples for us to follow.

We honor in a special way those who have died as the perfect example of courage and heroism in the selfless giving of their lives for our country. Have any of you ever been to Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknowns?

In many churches one can find statues representing the various saints. Is this a form of idolatry? Absolutely not. Those statues are there to remind us of that individual and to help us remember the heroic manner they lived their life totally dedicated to the will of God.

Don't we also have statues

everywhere in America to help us remember the heroic lives of men and women who dedicated themselves fully in service to their fellow man? There are statues to Ben Franklin, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Theresa, as well as to Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant and many more.

How many of you carry a photo of your wife or husband, children or family in your wallet.

There's absolutely no difference between the statues we have to honor national heroes and the statues we have to honor Christian heroes. Both are meant to remind us of the person represented and to help us live with the same dedication as they did whether for a civil cause or a religious one.

Over the years many saints have been granted the title of 'patron' to many branches of the military. To go into each and every instance of why these saints are so designated would take more room than allowed here. However, if anyone is interested in knowing more of a particular 'patron saint', just stop by the Chaplain's Office. God bless you.

### Patron Saints of the military branches

Branch	Patron Saint	Feast Day
Adjutant General's Corps	St. Genesius	Aug. 25
Air Defense Artillery	St. Barbara	Dec. 4
Airborne and Air Assault	St. Michael the Archangel	Sept. 29
Armor	St. George	April 23
Army Medical Spec. Corps	Sts. Cosmas and Damian	Sept. 26
Army Nurse Corps	St. Camillus de Lellis	July 4
Aviation	O.L. of Loreto	Dec. 10
Cavalry (Armored Cavalry)	St. George	April 23
Chaplain Corps	St. John of Capistrano	Oct. 23
Chemical Corps	Sts. Cosmas and Damian	Sept. 26
Corps of Engineers	St. Joseph	March 19
Dental Corps	St. Apollonia	Feb. 9
Field Artillery	St. Barbara	Dec. 4
Finance Corps	St. Matthew	Sept. 21
Infantry	St. Martin of Tours	Nov. 11
Judge Advocate Gen'l Corps	St. Raymond of Penafort	Jan. 7
Medical Corps	St. Luke	Oct. 18
Medical Service Corps	St. John of God	March 8
Military Intelligence	St. Jude Thaddeus	Oct. 28
Military Police	St. Florian	May 4
Ordnance Corps	St. Sebastian	Jan. 20
Quartermaster Corps	St. Francis of Assisi	Oct. 4
Signal Corps	St. Gabriel the Archangel	Sept. 29
Special Forces	St. Michael the Archangel	Sept. 29
Transportation Corps	St. Christopher	July 25
Veterinary Corps	St. Eligius	Dec. 1

## Lenten schedule



### Protestant services

Lenten luncheon, AA Chapel Social Hall 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday through March 31

### Devotions

*Palm Sunday services* April 4 AA Chapel, 10:15 a.m. EA Chapel, 9:15 a.m.

*Living Last Supper* April 8, 7 a.m., AA Chapel

*Easter Sunrise service at McBride Field* April 11, 7 a.m.

*Easter services* April 11, 10:15 a.m., AA Chapel; 9:15 a.m. at EA Chapel.

*Solemn Holy Thursday service*, 7 p.m., April 8, Good Friday service, 11:45 a.m., April 9, AA Chapel

*Tenebrae service* on 7 p.m., April 7; confessions heard afterwards

*Good Friday Stations of the Cross*, noon

*Solemn Holy Saturday service*, 7 p.m., April 10,

by appointment AA Chapel Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. every Wednesday, EA Chapel Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. every Thursday,

**Palm Sunday and Holy Week** April 4, palms distributed at all masses EA Chapel

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## Letter to the editor

Madam,  
I am trying to find out the office in charge of dress code for commissary baggers. I visit the APG commissary about three times a month and have noticed that the baggers' appearance (most notably the young men), is a true embarrassment and in direct contradiction with the pride of commissary service to the men, women and family members of the military community.

These young men are dressing with their pants down to their thighs, covering with long T-shirts/shirts and mixing military clothing with civilian clothing. It is a disgrace that these young men are being allowed to tarnish the military image, and I feel something should be done about it.

Furthermore, I am sure that many if not all are family members of civilians and military personnel at APG; it is heartbreaking to see how these parents are allowing these young people to dress while providing a service to a military community that prides itself in high standards of conduct.

I served in the U.S. Army for 21 plus years and we never allowed our kids to even consider dressing in such a fashion.

APG should require that everyone serving the military community dresses in accordance with the image of our nation's bravest and not as hoodlums.

I spoke to a commissary manager as well as the head bagger and was told that there is no dress code for the baggers.

A point of contact to the post commander or office dealing with such matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Carlos Coronado  
CW3, USA Retired

Mr. Coronado:

I have to admit your question brought a little smile to my face as I contemplated "baggy" baggers!

Seriously, I must first make it clear that baggers are not commissary employees and do not work for the commissary. The provost marshal grants them a license to bag and carry out groceries for patrons who desire this service. They work for tips only.

Ultimately, the provost marshal holds governing authority over baggers.

The store director and the head bagger, however, normal-

ly resolve issues such as this one. We discussed your questions and agreed with you that extreme fashion trends are unacceptable work attire, such as exposed undergarments, for example. We then impressed upon the baggers that they should dress in a more conservative manner, and that excessively baggy clothing constitutes inappropriate work attire.

The baggers' Statement of Understanding simply states: "Bagger hereby agrees to maintain a neat, clean appearance and follow generally accepted standards of personal hygiene."

I know of no installation

dress code addressing this matter.

I hope you will understand that with no hard-and-fast rules in place, we must use our best judgment regarding the interpretation of "neat and clean."

I'm glad you talked to commissary managers about your concerns, and we appreciate your feedback.

If you have more questions, don't hesitate to stop by my office, call me at 278-3101, or e-mail me at tammy.spickler@deca.mil.

Tammy Spickler  
Manager, APG Commissary



Illustration by DIANE BURRIER

## Veterans' voices

The following is a listing of veterans organizations as listed in the Harford County Veterans Resource Guide of the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs, dated January 2004.

### American Legion

Bel Air #55  
115 North Bond Street  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
410-838-0812  
Meets first Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

### Bernard L. Tobin #128

44 North Parke Street  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
410-272-9822  
Meets third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

### Edgewood Service #17

415 Edgewood Road  
Edgewood, MD 21040  
410-676-1147  
Meets second Wednesday, 8 p.m.

### Harford #39

500 North Hickory Avenue  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
410-838-2603  
Meets second Wednesday, 8 p.m.

### Joseph L. Davis #47

501 St. John Street  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078  
410-939-0234  
Meets second Wednesday, 7 p.m.

### Slate Ridge #182

2217 Whiteford Road  
Whiteford, MD 21160  
410-452-5819  
Meets second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

### Catholic War Veterans

151 Drexel Drive  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
410-893-3344  
Meets quarterly in member's homes.  
Call or write for more information.

### Disabled American Veterans

Bel Air #30  
P.O. Box 0443  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
410-879-0861  
Call for meeting dates, times and locations.

### Francis McLhinney #15

American Legion Post #47  
50 St. John Street  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078  
Meets first Monday, 7:30 p.m.

### Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

Aberdeen Chapter 271  
Meets at American Legion Post #128  
44 North Parke Street, Aberdeen  
Contact: Nick Guerra  
P.O. Box 3  
Aberdeen, MD 21001

The commission was created by Legislation #93-69 and confirmed by the Harford County Executive on Oct. 27, 1993.

The commission meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. in the County Office Building,

410-272-0458

Meets last Monday, 7 p.m.

### Maryland Chapter

2601 Beckley Street  
Fort Holabird, MD 21222  
Meets third Wednesday, 7 p.m.

### Military Order of the Purple Heart

Chapter #561 c/o William Williams  
1316 Sweetbriar Lane  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
410-879-7382  
Call for meeting dates, times and locations.

### The Military Officers Association of America

MOAA Susquehanna Chapter  
P.O. Box 243  
APG, MD 21005  
410-803-7177  
Call or write for meeting dates, times and locations.

### Veterans of Foreign Wars

Aberdeen Memorial Post 10028  
821 Old Philadelphia Road  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
410-272-1218  
Meets second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

### Bel Air Memorial Post 10113

P.O. Box 582  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
Mail inquiries for details.

### Charlton-Miller Post 6054

206 Spesutia Road  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
410-272-3444  
Meets second and fourth Tuesday, 8 p.m.

### Darlington-Dublin Post 10146

3440 Conowingo Road  
Street, MD 21154  
410-836-0922  
Meets third Wednesday, 7 p.m.

### Fallston Manor Post 749

2315 Bel Air Road (Fallston Mall)  
Fallston, MD 21047  
410-879-2294  
Meets fourth Monday, 8 p.m.

### Harford County Memorial Post 5337

3705 Pulaski Highway  
Abingdon, MD 21009  
410-676-4456  
Meets second Monday, 7 p.m.

220 Main Street in Bel Air.

Any veteran or interested citizen is welcome to attend these meetings as a guest or observer.

### Jarrettsville Manor Memorial Post 8672

1714 Morse Road  
Jarrettsville, MD 21084  
410-692-5414  
Meets second Tuesday, 8 p.m.

### Joppatowne Memorial Post 5838

501 Pulaski Highway  
Joppa, MD 21085  
410-679-1035  
Meets second Monday, 7 p.m.

### Weedon-Elliott Post 8126

300 Lodge Lane  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078  
410-939-4578  
Meets second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

### Post 11377

3504 Back Point Court  
Abingdon, MD 21009  
410-569-8070  
Meets third Monday, 7 p.m.

### Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

Harford County Chapter 588  
P.O. Box 714  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
410-838-2590  
Meets third Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at:

American Legion Post #39  
500 Hickory Avenue  
Bel Air, MD 21014

### WAC Veterans' Association Maryland Freestate Chapter 70

P.O. Box 423  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
410-676-9574  
Meets first Saturday, 11 a.m. at:  
Aberdeen Senior Center  
7 Franklin Street  
Aberdeen, MD 21001

### Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114

P.O. Box 505  
Perryville, MD 21903  
Meets second Saturday, 10 a.m. at:  
Aberdeen Senior Center  
7 Franklin Street  
Aberdeen, MD 21001

### American Ex-Prisoners of War

Maryland North Chapter  
71 Crystal Court  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
410-803-0237  
Call for more information.

# Sports

## Company C 16th wins intramural basketball post championship

Team battles back from 37-36 loss to post 33-32 win over RDECOM



Company C, 16th's Terry Pearson goes airborne to slam in two points.

Story and photo by **Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Two points made all the difference for the Company C 16th Ordnance Battalion basketball team which suffered a one-point loss in game one then rebounded for a one-point win in game two over the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command to win the intramural basketball post championship at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center March 15.

Led by coach Cory Givhan, the team, which went undefeated through the post-season tournament, March 11 to 14, lost its momentum in game one against RDECOM which was playing in the losers bracket and needed to win twice.

In the first game, RDECOM's Curtis Fearson tapped in the first points after a scoreless five-minute opener that saw several misplays by both teams.

Company C 16th's Brian

Holland, the series' top scorer, with 14 points in game one and 10 in game two, responded minutes later with a three pointer that got the crowd into the game.

Bad passing and rushed plays plagued Company C 16th however, as RDECOM pulled away to a 16-13 lead with contributions from Fearson, Marcus Richardson, Dallas Smith and Stanley Ingram despite solid plays from Company C 16th's Terry Pearson, Gerry Hutchings, Berwin Wade and Sylvester Culbertson.

With RDECOM up 17-13 at the half, both teams were unsatisfied with their play.

"We're having problems scoring but the refs are letting them play and that's important," said Company C 16th coach Givhan.

He said they planned to keep up the intensity on defense and create more movement on defense in the second half.

"Intensity will make the difference," he said.

RDECOM coach Keith Rogers, 398th Chemical Company, said the team was having a great time.

"It's been great but tiresome. We had to win three yesterday to get here," Rogers said.

"We want to bring the ball to the inside and take it to the hole," he said of his second-half strategy. "Let their [the other team's] legs get weak. We've got another game to play."

The Company C 16th fans and the team opened up the second half fired up as Derrick

Brown, Pearson and Hutchings teamed up for seven unanswered points, not the least of which was a slam dunk by Pearson that sent the crowd into a screaming frenzy.

RDECOM rebounded however as several Company C 16th fouls drew howls from the fans and RDECOM's Fearson, Alonzo Seymore, Stanley Ingram, and Rodney Williams put up the needed points for a 37-36 win.

In game two it was more of the same as RDECOM pulled out to an 11-7 lead that led to a 17-12 lead at the half. Company C's Pearson ended the scoring drought with a 3-pointer to close within three at 24-21, and Brown added a finger-roll for two to make it 24-23 seconds later. Moments later, Holland sank a three to put Company C ahead for good at 27-27 and Brown sealed the victory with 2-for-2 at the line for the 33-32 win for the post championship.

RDECOM coach Rogers said the team "just couldn't get it inside like they wanted."

"It was a great game but I think we got a little tired at the end," he said.

He congratulated his players for a "great season," noting that the entire team is made up of players from the 398th Chemical Company, an Army Reserve unit supporting the Edgewood Area's U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit.

Givhan said he never doubted the team could come back and win after the disappointing

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## Lucas makes Master Lifter

Photo courtesy of CARROLL LUCAS

Carroll Lucas, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, holds the championship trophy he earned while setting a state record for Powerlifting in the Masters at the Bel Air Athletic Center, Jan. 24.

## Finals

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loss in the first game.

"I knew our defense would pull it out," Givhan said, adding that he felt the team could go all the way early in the season.

"After the fifth game, the way this team plays together, I knew this was the year," he said.

Holland added that underestimating RDECOM might have been what cost the team

the first game.

"They gave us a good run. We had to step it up on defense," Holland said.

Company C 16th commander, Capt. Ivan McPherson said it was outstanding the way the team worked together all season.

"This unit is all about motivating Soldiers," McPherson said. "It's a pleasure to command when you have good Soldiers working and playing for you."

**2004 Intramural Basketball Champions Company C 16th**

## Ordnance Battalion

- Derrick Brown
- Sylvester Culbertson Jr.
- Eugene Edwards
- Shawn Harrell
- Brian Holland
- Gerry Hutchings
- Christopher Kavanaugh
- Terry Pearson
- Joseph Tipado III
- Berwin Wade Jr.
- Cory Givhan, coach

## 2004 Intramural Basketball Runner-up RDECOM

- Nick Collins
- Vedarro Crutchfield
- Justin Cunningham
- Demetrius Estelle
- Curtis Fearson
- Darren Galloway
- Timothy Herd
- Stanley Ingram
- James Moorehead
- Marcus Richardson
- Alonzo Seymore
- Dallas Smith
- Edward Taylor
- Rodney Williams
- Walter Wyatt
- Keith Rogers, coach

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practice results in administrative expenses that are currently charged to all TSP participants, whether or not they ever use the loan program.

These changes to the loan program will reinforce the importance of borrowing from the TSP account only as a last resort.

For participants who need a TSP loan, the \$50 fee will cover the cost of processing and servicing the loan and will ensure that these costs are paid by the 500,000 participants who use the program and not by the other 2.7 million participants who do not use the program.

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## House

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twins, arrived Feb. 28. He said that while overseas the family lived on the German economy.

"I'm glad for DIO because I know this was a great accomplishment for them and I'm grateful they were able to do this for us," Potter said.

"It's an outstanding achievement," added Sgt. Maj. Joe Horn, chief, Wheel, Track and Automotive Department at the Edgewood Area's Downer Hall.

"I don't know what this family would have done otherwise," Horn said.

Potter's supervisor, Sgt. 1st Class William Plummer, credited DIO and the housing division for "ensuring the family is being taken care of."

"Now he is free to concentrate on the mission of training Soldiers," Plummer said.

Gabrielle Potter said that after 15 years overseas she still can't believe the family is here and being cared for so well by APG.

"It's really different," she said of the unit. "We're very grateful."

The Potter's children range in ages from 3 to 19.

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